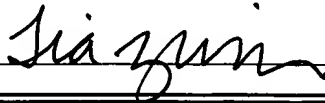


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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated August 12, 2003 (Paper No. 13) for which a response was due on November 12, 2003. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a three months extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to February 12, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.